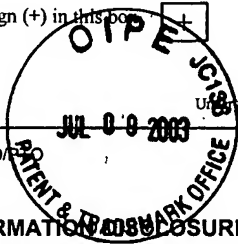


Date of Deposit: July 9, 2003

Page 1 of 1

Please type a plus sign (+) in this box



PTO/SB (12-97)  
Approved for use through 9/30/00. OMB 0651-0031  
Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

|   |                               |                      |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Modified Form 1449/PSO<br><b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE<br/>STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b><br><br>(use as many sheets as necessary) | <b>Application Number</b>     | 10/044,157           |
|   | <b>Filing Date</b>            | January 9, 2002      |
|   | <b>First Named Inventor</b>   | Arthur J. Blake, Jr. |
|   | <b>Group Art Unit</b>         | 3714                 |
|   | <b>Examiner Name</b>          | S. Ashburn           |
|   | <b>Attorney Docket Number</b> | 18133-096            |

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| Exam Initials | Cite No. | U.S. Patent Document No. | Issue Date | Name of Patentee(s) or Applicant(s) | Class | Sub Class | Filing Date If Appropriate |
|---------------|----------|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------|----------------------------|
| A1            | A1       | 5,142,445                | 08/25/92   | Sorensen et al.                     |       |           |                            |
| A2            | A2       | 5,485,922                | 01/23/96   | Butcher                             |       |           |                            |
| A3            | A3       |                          |            |                                     |       |           |                            |

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

| Exam Initials | Cite No. | Foreign Patent Document Office Number | Name of Patentee(s) or Applicant(s) | Date of Publication | Translation Yes No |
|---------------|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| B1            | B1       |                                       |                                     |                     |                    |
| B2            | B2       |                                       |                                     |                     |                    |
| B3            | B3       |                                       |                                     |                     |                    |

**OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

| Exam Initials | Cite No. | Name of Author, Title (when appropriate), Publication, Volume, Page(s), Date, Etc. |
|---------------|----------|--|
| C1            | C1       |  |

\* copies of these references are not provided as they were previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application, U.S.S.N. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ (Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ (Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_), and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).

|                    |  |                 |         |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|---------|
| Examiner Signature |  | Date Considered | 9/12/03 |
|--------------------|--|-----------------|---------|

TRA 1812536v1

RECEIVED  
JUL 16 2003  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700